

10 TechCentral and MakerSpace Louis Stokes Wing Lower Level

Dream and do in this creative and innovative learning environment! Bring ideas to life with services like 3D printing and scanning, vinyl and laser fabrication, plus audio and video production. Ask a staff member about computer and technology training.

Take home a souvenir of your visit to the 3rd largest public research library in the country!

Visit our Gift Shop in the Louis Stokes Wing of Main Library to purchase Cleveland Public Library apparel, tote bags, mugs, and more! Your purchase supports Library programs and services.



MAIN LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Built for just less than \$5 million, the Main Library opened to the public on May 6, 1925.
- The cornerstone of Main Library contains a time capsule with documents relating to the construction of the Library and events that occurred in 1923.

- The Terrestrial Globe light fixture in the lobby features a re-creation of a map by Leonardo da Vinci.
- Originally not a stick of wood was used in the Main Library except for the flagpole, due to a desire to make the building as fireproof as possible. It was all stone.



OUR MISSION

We are The People's University, the center of learning for a diverse and inclusive community.

OUR VISION

A city in which opportunity is within reach.
A Library that empowers its people.

Guided tours are available!

A knowledgeable staff member will happily guide you through a thorough tour of Main Library and the Louis Stokes Wing. Tours are limited to 5-10 guests (18 years and older).

Reservations should be made one month in advance, contact Outreach & Programming Services at (216) 623-2921 or email ops@cpl.org to learn more and book.

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TOP 10 Things to See at Main Library

325 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114



1 Special Collections Main Library, 3rd Floor

Peruse unique collections including Chess and Checkers, Miniature Books, Folklore, the Schweinfurth Collection, and the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards. Special Collections is the home to the largest collection of chess literature in the world!



2 Superman Exhibit Main Library, 2nd Floor

Glide through Superman comics, posters, toys, packaging, photographs and more, some dating back to 1939! This collection was donated to the Library in 2016 by Mike Curtis, comic aficionado and writer for the Dick Tracy comic strip. The exhibit reveals new items every six months.



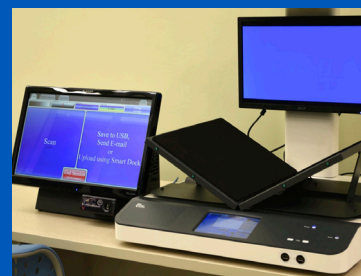
3 International Languages Main Library, 4th Floor

Delight in browsing through a collection of books and materials in forty-five languages.

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Cleveland Digital Public Library Main Library, 3rd Floor

The Cleveland Digital Public Library helps patrons digitize their collections to keep and share the history of Cleveland, Northeast Ohio, and beyond.

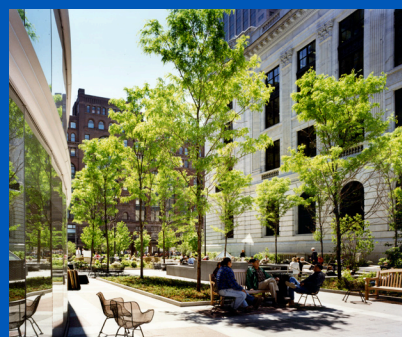


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Brett Memorial Hall - Exhibit Space Main Library, 1st Floor

Stroll through the Botticino marble grand stair lobby to enter the grandest space within the Library. Named

after William Howard Brett, third Director of Cleveland Public Library (1884-1918), Brett Memorial Hall's marble ceiling, Travertine marble floor, and murals make it a perfect space for honoring today's artists and storytellers.



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Eastman Reading Garden Located between Main Building and Louis Stokes Wing

The Eastman Reading Garden, named after former Library Director Linda Anne Eastman (1918-1938), features seasonal art exhibits along with the work of artist Maya Lin, designer of Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



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City Views Louis Stokes Wing 10th Floor

Ride the Louis Stokes Wing elevator up to the 10th Floor lobby for a breathtaking view of the city. Enjoy views of Public Square, Cleveland Browns Stadium, and the Fountain of Eternal Life, sculpted by Marshall Fredericks (1908-1998).



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Map Collection Louis Stokes Wing 6th Floor

Beginning with a donation of 122 maps by Library Trustee John G. White in 1884, the collection has grown to over 161,000 maps including charts, relief maps, atlases, and globes.

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Photograph Collection Louis Stokes Wing 4th Floor

The Photographic Collection boasts 1.3 million photographs, primarily in black and white, and covers the 1850s through the 1980s.

